

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A sweetener composition comprising

(i) a carbohydrate sweetener consisting essentially of a mixture of HFCS 42 and sucrose alone, said HFCS 42 and sucrose present in a weight ratio ranging from 20:80 to 80:20; and

(ii) an effective amount of a binary high intensity sweetener composition comprising consisting essentially of acesulfame K and N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- α -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester alone, said acesulfame K present in at least a 10:1 weight ratio in comparison to said N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- α -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester,

wherein said sweetener composition imparts a taste profile comparable to HFCS 55,

and said binary high intensity sweetener composition provides the entire amount of high intensity sweetener within said sweetener composition.

9. (Original) A sweetener composition according to Claim 8, wherein the carbohydrate sweetener is present within the sweetener composition in an amount ranging from about 95.2 to 99.9 weight percent.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) A sweetener composition according to Claim 8, wherein the HFCS 42 and sucrose are present in approximately equal amounts.

12. (Original) A sweetener composition according to Claim 8, wherein the high intensity sweetener composition is present in the sweetener composition in an amount ranging from about 0.1 to 4.8 weight percent.

13. (Currently Amended) A sweetener composition according to Claim 8, wherein the weight ratio of acesulfame K to ~~neotame~~ N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- α -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester is 10: 1 to 450 : 1.

14. (Original) Foodstuff incorporating the sweetener composition according to Claim 8.

15. (Previously Presented) A foodstuff according to Claim 14, wherein the sweetener composition is present within the foodstuff in an amount ranging from about 1.0 to 4.0 weight percent, based on the weight of the foodstuff.

16. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) Process for producing a reduced calorie foodstuff, which process comprises incorporating a sweetener composition into a foodstuff in an amount ranging from about 1.0 to 4.0 weight percent (based on the weight of the foodstuff),

 said sweetener composition comprising

 (i) a carbohydrate sweetener consisting essentially of a mixture of HFCS 42 and sucrose alone, said HFCS 42 and sucrose present in a weight ratio ranging from 20:80 to 80:20; and

 (ii) a binary high intensity sweetener composition comprising consisting essentially of acesulfame K and N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- α -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester alone, said acesulfame K present in at least a 10:1 ratio in comparison to said N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- α -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester, said foodstuff exhibiting a taste profile comparable to HFCS 55.

wherein said binary high intensity sweetener composition provides the entire amount of high intensity sweetener within said sweetener composition.

22. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 21, wherein said carbohydrate sweetener is present within the sweetener composition in an amount ranging from about 95.2 to 99.9 weight percent, based on the weight of the sweetener composition.

23. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 21, wherein the high intensity sweetener composition is present within the sweetener composition in an amount ranging from about 0.10 to 4.8 weight percent, based on the weight of the sweetener composition.

24. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 21, wherein the weight ratio of acesulfame K to N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- α -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester is 10:1 to 450:1 (w:w).

25. (Currently Amended) A sweetener composition comprising

(i) ~~at least one a carbohydrate sweetener selected from the group consisting essentially of HFCS 55 [[,]]~~ HFCS 42 and sucrose alone, said HFCS 42 and sucrose present in a weight ratio ranging from 20:80 to 80:20; and

(ii) an effective amount of a binary high intensity sweetener composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of acesulfame K and N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- α -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester alone,

~~said acesulfame K present in an amount of greater than 97 weight % of the total amount of acesulfame K and N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- α -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 1-methyl ester, wherein said sweetener composition imparts a taste profile comparable to HFCS 55 and said binary high intensity sweetener composition provides the entire amount of high intensity sweetener within said sweetener composition.~~